

measuring about 3 mm in thickness and provided with an opening of an area of 250 mm by 450 mm larger than the effective paste filling area of prereg sheet 21, is mounted on plate framework 1 of a plate for printing 10 for paste filling as Fig. 9 and Fig. 10 show. A slanting area with a slanting angle about 15° is provided in opening 4 of mask 2 in the squeegee's forward moving direction (at the 450 mm side) for the whole purpose of facilitating the passage of the squeegee.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1 with the following paragraph:

A slanting area with a slanting angle of about 15° is provided on opening 4a of mask 2 in the squeegee's forward moving direction (at the side of 450 mm) for the whole purpose of facilitating the passage of a squeegee. On non-opening area 4b of mask 2, there is provided stainless steel paste removing member 3, the surfaces of which realize a high degree of smoothness by buffing and the like and are formed of flat area 3a and slanting area 3b with a slanting angle of 35° . The high degree of smoothness achieved on the surfaces of paste removing member 3 is intended for preventing the wear of the squeegee from occurring and is expected to be almost at the same level as that of the surfaces of mask 2 in the present exemplary embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 3 with the following paragraph:

Although stainless steel is used as the mask material in the foregoing, it is possible to assume easily that the same effects can also be expected by using such high